

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

VILLAGE OF WALTHILL, NEBRASKA,

Defendant.

8:20CV69

ORDER

Plaintiff requests that this action be consolidated with *Light of the World Gospel Ministries, Inc. v. Village of Walthill, Nebraska*, Civil Action No. 8:18-cv-00312-LSC-SMB (D. Neb. 2018) ("*Light of the World*"), another suit pending before the undersigned. ([Filing No. 8](#).)

Plaintiff's request for consolidation will be denied as it is premature. The two actions at issue are at entirely different stages of progression. *Light of the World* was filed in July of 2018. A motion for partial summary judgment is pending. Progression orders have been entered in that case and discovery has commenced. Today, the undersigned issued an order in *Light of the World* resolving a discovery dispute and directing that discovery proceed. Conversely, the present case was filed in February of 2020. A motion to dismiss is pending and an answer has yet to be filed. Consolidating these actions at this time would only serve to further delay discovery and progression in *Light of the World*. Consolidation could be reconsidered later, but it not appropriate at this point.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion to Consolidate ([Filing No. 8](#)) is denied as premature.

Dated this 24th day of June, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Susan M. Bazis
United States Magistrate Judge